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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 18

28 December 1948

1. Members present were as follows:

Dr. Appleton	State
Lt. Col. Hansen	Army
Capt. Field	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Maj. Gamber	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
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2. State's request of 14 December 1948 to have the submission date for Chapter V, NIS #86 (Venezuela), postponed from April 1949 to July 1949 was discussed. The reason advanced by State in support of the request was, in substance, that the coup d'etat of 24 November 1948, which resulted in the overthrow of a constitutionally elected government, makes it impossible to comply adequately with the requirements of the NIS outline by 1 April 1949. The consensus was as follows:

a. Aside from the fact that when one chapter is shifted to a new position on the schedule another chapter should be shifted to the old position of the first so as to equalize the burden in BIG, the actual shift requested is not nearly so important a question as the reasons advanced in support of it.

b. Basic intelligence calls for a presentation of the basic factors of a political system and not necessarily the current situation under a particular constitutional framework.

c. In treating such mercurial countries as Venezuela, one should adapt the requirements of the outline guide so as to stress such very matters as instability as being outstanding characteristics.

d. There is no assurance at all that the requested extension will permit of treating a more stable situation in Venezuela than the one existing at present. If so, the schedule will have been needlessly thrown out of balance.

State is to reconsider the question along the lines of reasoning set forth above and report at the next meeting whether the extension is still desired.

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3. Lt. Col. Hansen, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] summarized the background of JCS Directive No. 1541/39, approved 30 April 1948. This directive, among other things, requires that JANIS type studies of [REDACTED], Greenland, and Iceland, be produced by the United States by 30 June 1950. The paper provides for the omission of scientific (NIS Chapter VII) intelligence from all three studies and the additional omission of political and armed forces (NIS Chapters V and VIII) intelligence from the study on [REDACTED]. This would provide for the inclusion of NIS Chapters IV and VI [REDACTED]. The ensuing discussion brought out the following points: 25X6A

a. The above-mentioned paper is a directive of the JCS to the Service Agencies and does not involve CIA or the NIS Committee, as such.

b. Where the NIS Program could, within the limitations of its allocations of responsibility, accommodate the three studies, it has done so.

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e. Although the Service Agencies or the Joint Chiefs of Staff may request CIA to undertake the preparation of the chapters in question or furnish funds to non-IAC Agencies to do so, BIG can give no assurance whatever that CIA will undertake to do either, since the decision must be made by DCI.

Lt. Col. Hansen agreed to investigate the matter further to determine:

a. Whether the chapters in question are, in fact, required.

b. If so, whether existing publications in civilian agencies cannot be substituted therefor; or

c. If the chapters are required in NIS form and the Service Agencies have no funds to provide for the production of those parts thereof which would normally be produced by State, whether CIA should be requested to provide the necessary funds.

The Chairman agreed to inquire via the CIA Liaison Officer with JS whether there is, in fact, a Joint Staff requirement for Chapters IV and VI of NIS #65.

4. The chapter coordinators reported as follows regarding the treatment to be accorded to chapters scheduled for production in FY 1949:

- a. Chapter II - full treatment for all chapters listed.
- b. Chapter III and Supplements I and III - full treatment for all chapters and supplements except those for NIS Areas Nos. 28, 29, 31, and 33 (Syria and Lebanon, Transjordan, Palestine, and Iran).
- c. Chapters III and Supplements Nos. I and III for NIS Areas Nos. 28, 29, 31, and 33 to be treated as follows:
 - (1) NIS #33 - Tentatively full chapter treatment. Doubtful of treatment to be accorded Supplement I. Supplement III, complete treatment.
 - (2) NIS #31 - treatment of Chapter III doubtful. Complete treatment of Supplements I and III.
 - (3) NIS #28 - for Chapter III, section treatment in Chapter I: due in BIG in June 1949. Full treatment for Supplements I and III: due in BIG as per present schedule.
 - (4) NIS #29 - for Chapter III, section treatment in Chapter I. Material now in hands of BIG to be returned to ID. ID will return to BIG reworked as section in March 1949.
- d. Chapters IV, V, and VI - full chapter treatment for all chapters.
- e. Chapter VII - NIS Nos. 28, 29, 31, and 33, section treatment in Chapter I: NIS Nos. 11 and 12, full chapter treatment.
- f. Chapter VIII - full chapter treatment for all countries.
- g. Chapter IX - to be reported. (Full treatment)

5. It was suggested that chapter coordinators now proceed to determine the treatment to be accorded various sections to be produced in FY 1949. State, Army, and Navy pointed out the infeasibility of making any precise determination of this matter until the amount and nature of material actually available for each section is known. The Chairman pointed out that, if the matter cannot be completely determined at this time, it should not be lost

sight of; that it is a continuing and important responsibility of chapter coordinators to determine, in a timely manner, the treatment to be accorded each individual section. The Army representative stated that Army could determine the treatment to be accorded obvious sections but that determination of the treatment of others would have to wait.

6. The Army member suggested that another meeting of working level members of the IAC Agencies be called at CIA so that additional indoctrination can be given on matters of treatment. The State member concurred that additional indoctrination of the working level is needed but suggested that a meeting such as that recommended by the Army member would be too large to be effective. He recommended instead that key personnel of BIG visit the individual Agencies to conduct such indoctrination. The Chairman agreed that, if Agencies would make individual requests on BIG for conferences, submitting key questions in advance, he would see that qualified personnel visited the Agencies to attend the conferences.

7. The Army member agreed that Chapter VIII should replace Section 81F2 for NIS #67 and #68 (Greenland and Iceland).

8. Lists of JANIS publications still not declassified were distributed to the members. Members were requested to have their Agency's contributions reviewed for possible declassification, either of the JANIS complete or of individual chapters or supplements. It was pointed out that such review is a continuing responsibility of each Agency.

9. State's request to have Chapter IV of NIS #11 (Sweden) changed on the FY 1949 schedule from June to February and Chapter V of NIS #11 changed from February to June was tentatively approved, pending investigation and report by the Army member on the matter of Section 45, which is an Army contribution.

10. Comments on the proposed policy for dissemination of NIS to non-IAC Agencies and private institutions were called for. State handed in written comments. The Air Force pointed out that JIC 306/18, 23 January 1947, states that the Security Advisory Board will pass on each Agency to receive classified material. The Chairman indicated that this directive probably had been superseded, but that in any event its provisions did not affect the proposed policy. Army and Navy are still considering the proposed policy and will comment at the next meeting.

25X1A9a 11. The Chairman announced that [REDACTED] (Ext. 2091) has replaced [REDACTED] as CIA representative on, and chairman of, the Petroleum Supplement Subcommittee. IAC Agency members of this subcommittee will, in the near future, receive calls from the chairman thereof regarding future meetings.

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12. Navy proposed that port capacities be given in Sections 35 and Supplements I. These capacities would be computed according to a standard

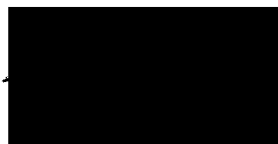
formula. Army agreed, provided the formula is standard and mutually agreed upon. Army and Navy are to confer regarding this formula and notify BIG of the results of the conference.

13. Members were again cautioned that it is expected that first drafts and graphics received in BIG will be up to NIS standards and requirements; i.e., be as complete as possible and in the prescribed form. The practice of initially submitting partially completed material with the thought that completion may be rounded out by additional contributions while the original is in the hands of BIG is entirely unsatisfactory from the editing and publication viewpoint. The filling of gaps is provided for by the maintenance program. Temporary base maps for editorial use may be submitted with first drafts but should be so labelled.


14. The Tentative NIS Production Schedule for FY 1950 was approved and is to be distributed at this time only to NIS contributors. A full dissemination will be made towards the close of this fiscal year when the schedule will be firmer.

15. The next meeting was scheduled for 4 January 1949 at 1000 hours.

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